

Psalm 27

1:1 A Psalm of David.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? 2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. 3 Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

4 One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple. 5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock. 6 And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.

7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me. 8 When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek. 9 Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation. 10 When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up. 11 Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies. 12 Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

13 I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. 14 Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

Introduction notes:

1. The inspired heading indicates that David wrote this Psalm.
2. These verses (vv.2,3,12) seem to allude to the time when the Philistines were

attempting to destroy David and his people in 2 Sam. 5:17-25.

Outline:

- A. David Declared the Presence of the LORD (vv. 1-3)
- B. David Desired the Presence of the LORD (vv.4-6)
- B.' David Desired the Presence of the LORD (vv.7-12)
- A.' David Declared the Presence of the LORD (vv.13-14)

Observations:

1. David acknowledged Jehovah (the LORD) to be his Light, Salvation, and Strength.
2. David's enemies, early in his reign were the Philistines but David's confidence was not in his military might but in the LORD.
3. The place of worship was a place of refuge (cf. 1 Sam. 6:19).
4. Two purposes for desiring to dwell in the house of the LORD:
 - A. To behold the beauty of the LORD. (worship) - Dedication
 - B. To enquire in his temple. (counsel) – Direction
5. The victory that David gained from God turned into song and praises unto God.
6. (vv.7-12) – David was asking God to intervene in his situation.
7. (v.11) – Ask God to teach you His way, and to lead you in a plain path. God did that for David (2 Sam. 5:23-24) – God directed David on exactly how to attack the approaching Philistine army.
8. David had faith to believe the promises of God – He acted on faith. (v.13) – the land of the living is Israel, the Promised Land.
9. the LORD shall “strengthened thine heart” – this is exactly what God does with whatever the contents are of your heart.

For example, Pharaoh had a heart of stone, and God hardened him because of that. Joshua had a heart of faith, and God strengthened him in the faith to take on the giants.
-Guard your hearts, let God work on your heart!

Lesson: The LORD's Presence is our Light, Salvation, and Strength.